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SUBJ: PRAVDA REPORTS PROGRESS ON SOVIET DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN  
YUGOSLAVIA

REF: BELGRADE 3789

1. AUGUST 25 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS DISPATCH FROM BELGRADE WHICH PRESENTS MOST OPTIMISTIC SOVIET REPORT WE HAVE SEEN IN SOME TIME ON PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN YUGOSLAVIA TO BE FINANCED BY SOVIET CREDIT EXTENDED IN 1972.

2. ARTICLE STATES THAT 1972 AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 100 (ONE HUNDRED) INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF YUGOSLAV INDUSTRY AND THAT THIS YEAR "MORE THAN 30 PROJECTS" WILL BE COMPLETED OR ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL MENTION ARE BLAST FURNACE COMPLEX

AT ZENITSA STEEL WORKS IN BOSNIA, IRON GATE HYDROELECTRIC STATION WHICH PRODUCED MORE THAN 2.8 BILLION KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRIC POWER IN FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR (BUT NOT COVERED BY 1972 CREDIT), AND COKING BATTERY AT SMEDEREVO IRON AND STEEL WORKS. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT WORK ON SIX OF EIGHTEEN ELECTRIC STATIONS TO BE BUILT OR EXPANDED UNDER SOVIET CREDIT ARE NOW COMPLETED, AND THAT WORK ON ANOTHER ONE, THERMOELECTRIC STATION IN KOSOVO, WILL BE COMPLETED BY END OF YEAR.

3. MENTION ALSO MADE OF INCREASED RANGE AND VOLUME OF YUGOSLAV EXPORTS TO USSR IN ADDITION TO WORK BEING DONE BY YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES IN CONSTRUCTION ON SOVIET TERRITORY OF TOURIST PROJECTS AND "RECONSTRUCTION OF SEPARATE LIGHT INDUSTRY ENTERPRISES."

4. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT MOVEMENT ON SOVIET AID PROJECTS STILL MUCH SLOWER THAN SOVIETS WOULD LIKE AND FIND THIS ARTICLE INTERESTING MAINLY AS INDICATION CONTINUED SOVIET CONCERN OVER LACK OF PROGRESS ON THEIR YUGOSLAV INVESTMENT. ALSO, IT CONTAINS ONE OF FEW MENTIONS OF YUGOSLAV CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN USSR WE HAVE NOTED IN SOVIET PRESS.  
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